

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned Continuation application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, replace paragraph 1 with the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 10/315,030, filed December 10, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 10/024,189, filed December 21, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,344,996, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/768,588, filed January 25, 2001, which is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 09/504,903, filed February 16, 2000, which is now U.S. Pat. No. 6,208,573, and which is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 09/055,216, filed April 6, 1998, which is now U.S. Pat. No. 6,064,611--